



Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

## WESTCHESTER COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD

### Minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Meeting At the Department of Emergency Services

#### Present

Arledge, Roone P., Jr.  
Croll, Susan  
Dawson, David  
Faucher, Roland  
Fishman, Celia  
Kalish, Chris  
Kapica, John  
Minerva, Daniel  
Moore, Scott  
Ochs, Adam  
O'Connor, Charles

#### Present

Rothschild, William  
Scoca, Paul William  
Sutton, Anthony  
Tully, Theodore  
Volk, Michael  
Yuknek, Joli, M.D.

#### Absent

DeRobertis, Nicholas,  
Flores, Carlos R., M.D.

In the absence of Chief Kapica, Roland Faucher called the meeting to order at 18:42 hours. The minutes from the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003 meeting were unanimously accepted.

#### Reports

##### Radio Committee

Mike Volk stated the antenna sites for the new UHF trunked radio system were still being secured. He also mentioned that the JPS (Interconnect Radio System) unit is being installed in the County's Mobile Emergency Communications Center "Comm Van". The Comm Van will also be having some equipment upgraded.

##### Recruitment & Retention (AEMT Training)

Chris Kalish discussed the additional needs related to the commencement of the R&R survey. Scantron forms will be required before we can proceed with the survey dissemination. Celia Fishman stated she has received verbal approval to utilize the Westchester Community College for survey data collection. She will work on obtaining the Scantron forms once a final number survey is decided. Mike Volk will arrange for the printing of the final version of the survey.

Roland Faucher recommended the development of a cover letter to go along with the survey. This letter would assist in standardizing our mission and allow us to explain the need for a survey. Chris Kalish will draft a letter.

##### Rehabilitation Team

No report. Roland Faucher requested that members are needed to participate on the committee and relayed that interested members should contact Adam Ochs directly. Adam can be reached via email at [vfdcommish@aol.com](mailto:vfdcommish@aol.com)

### **EAB liaison to REMSCO**

Chris Kalish gave a brief report on the March 20, 2003 REMSCO meeting.

- Phase 1 of the smallpox vaccination program is still in process. It was felt that the commencement of Phase 2 of the smallpox vaccine will be significantly delayed.
- The NYS DOH has released v5 of the Prehospital Care Report (PCR). The Westchester REMSCO Program Agency will disseminate the new PCR when the current stocks of PCRs have been distributed.
- Discussion was held on the EMS Mutual Aid Plan. The latest version of the plan has been approved and is posted on the REMSCO web page [www.wremSCO.org](http://www.wremSCO.org) . There was also mention that agencies have been slowly signing onto the plan.
- The Annual EMS Dinner will be held June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Westchester Marriott.

### **Old Business**

- Roland Faucher discussed the response time recommendations. He recommended that Chief Kapica correspond with the County Executive requesting the status of the report. It was felt this issue is important and should not be overlooked.

### **New Business**

- Roland Faucher discussed the new SEMAC policy allowing BLS crews to transport a patient with a lock.
- A resume was received from Daniel Blum expressing interest to be on the EAB. The resume was forwarded to Chief Kapica and will be sent to all board members for review.
- The meeting was adjourned at 19:17 hours.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 18:30 hours, at the Department of Emergency Services.

Note: Roland Faucher requested to be excused form the next meeting. (Vacation)